

OZONE ACTION DAYS

Do Your Share For Cleaner Air

Code Red Leave in the Shed

Ground-level ozone, or **SMOG**, is created when pollutants emitted by cars, power plants, industrial boilers, refineries, and other sources the presence of sunlight to produce unhealthy air.

Small gas-powered engines, such as **lawn mowers**, contribute to the production of smog.

Ground-level ozone is a summertime problem. When concentrations reach high levels, we need to take special steps:

- On Code Red Days, don't use gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment.

Other things you can do to improve air quality:

- **Avoid spilling gasoline.** Even small spills evaporate and pollute the air. Use a funnel or spout to prevent overfilling.
- **Push for smaller lawn.** Use a push-mower if your lawn size permits. Think about using ground covers like plants, shrubs and trees to reduce your turf.
- **Use manual tools.** Consider tools that don't require gasoline such as hand tools. They don't pollute.
- **Consider cleaner options.** Discover new, cleaner equipment such as electric equipment, rechargeable mowers, or solar options.
- **Reduce mowing frequency.** Use low-maintenance turf grasses that grow slowly and require less mowing.

